

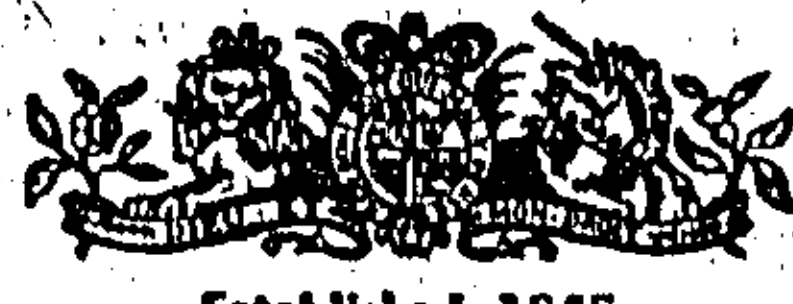
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ADENAUER ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL INCITEMENT

Hamburg, Jan. 21.
 A 31-year-old police sergeant here, Horst Schmidt, has filed a criminal charge against Dr Konrad Adenauer. Because the Chancellor appealed to people in a radio speech to give daubers of anti-Semitic slogans a hiding on the spot. Police said that Schmidt, in a private criminal charge, said that Dr Adenauer's appeal was an incitement to committing a criminal act. The charge is to be sent to the Bonn Prosecutor today, police added. Under German law it will be up to the public prosecutor to decide whether there is a case to answer. A spokesman of the Bonn prosecutor's office said that if it decided there was a case to answer, it would have to ask the Bundestag (Lower House) of which Dr Adenauer is a member, to lift his Parliamentary immunity. He said the immunity could be lifted by a simple majority vote.—Reuter.

5 months' jail
 A 40-year-old man who stole an oil pump, three spanners, and a pair of pliers from a lorry was sentenced to five months' jail by Central Magistrate Mr T. D. Yang this morning. Ng Chi-yuen, living at 633, 'B' Block, Chai Wan Resettlement Estate, pleaded guilty.

Follows move by London: shares ease

by a China Mail Reporter

Bank interest rates in Hongkong are to be raised, a spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank said this morning.

This follows the increase in the British bank rate from four to five per cent. Higher Bank interest rates in Hongkong will mean that money will be dearer to borrow. The full extent of the increases in Hongkong is not yet known.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation said: "We have not got all the rates from London and so we cannot say definitely what they will be until they have all been worked out."

CERTAIN EXTENT

"But you can take it that rates are bound to go up a certain extent. Rates connected with bills will obviously go up if money is to be dearer in London," he added.

The news from London and the effect it had in Hongkong caused further declines in leading share prices on the local Stock Exchange. China Lights, which yesterday closed at \$18½, dropped to a low of \$17.80 this morning after starting at \$18.20. And more than 38,000 shares changed hands. Electricity, which closed yesterday at \$24.20, opened at \$24 today and closed at \$23.70 on a turnover of more than 10,000 shares.

Telephones were also quoted slightly lower at \$31.00 on a more than 10,000 turnover. The market was affected by the Electricity Commission report—advocating nationalisation of the two companies—as well as the higher bank rates. Business men are concerned about the implications of nationalisation but some believe the share decline will not last long.

They point to the statement by the Financial Secretary, Mr A. G. Clarke, to Legislative Council on Wednesday that "Government is not at present prepared to agree that the arguments for nationalisation of the electricity companies are applicable to other utilities."

MEMBER OF INKSPOTS MISSING

Miami, Jan. 21.
 Mr Essex Scott, 38, one of the Inkspots singing group, was reported missing today with two companions on a fishing expedition in the Florida Keys. The trio left Miami yesterday and the Coastguard was notified when they failed to return last night. Mr Scott, who has been with the Inkspots since 1952, was due to start an engagement here tomorrow night.—Reuter.

Early morning fire



Firemen fighting the early morning blaze at a five-story factory building in Kowloon City. The fire started at 3.40 a.m. today.—China Mail photo.

Over \$1 million

damage in factory blaze

Weary firemen this afternoon put out a factory fire after battling it for nine hours.

Guardsman guilty of manslaughter

London, Jan. 21.
 A 19-year-old Welsh guardsman, Michael Douglas Dowdall—who once stood sentry at Buckingham Palace—was found guilty tonight of the manslaughter of a West End street walker, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Dowdall was found not guilty of the murder of the woman, Veronica Murray, 31, in her North London flat in December 1959.

LIFE SENTENCE

The Judge told Dowdall it would be unwise to impose a sentence of a fixed number of years "at the end of which you would be set free even if you were as dangerous as you are today."

The life sentence would enable authorities to detain Dowdall until he could safely mingle with other people again, the Judge added.—Reuter.

China plague hero dies

Pennang, Jan. 21.
 The man who saved millions in China from the plague in 1910, Dr Wu Lien-teh, collapsed and died today a week after retiring from medical practice, Ho-wu 21.
 Dr Wu, a world authority on plague, was former Surgeon General to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He recently published his autobiography, "The Plague Fighter"—AP.

ALCOHOL: Danger limit for motorists

London, Jan. 21.

How much alcohol can a man take and still be a safe driver? Two or three small whiskies or one and a half pints of beer, says the British Medical Association.

This would give a concentration of 50 per cent of alcohol in the bloodstream. And the committee said it "cannot conceive of any circumstances" in which it would be safe to drive with an alcoholic content of more than .15. This might be the equivalent of four pints of beer or four double whiskies. But the report by a special committee of the BMA on the relation of alcohol to road accidents added that the amount of drink needed to produce these results would vary with the individual and the circumstances because of differing rates of entry of alcohol into the bloodstream.

AVERAGE DRINKER
 A press conference was held for example that the average drinkers might need to take seven or eight pints to reach the danger level of .15. Hardened drinkers would probably need 12 pints. But an almost non drinker would only need to take four pints on an empty stomach. The report by the BMA which represents more than 7,000 doctors in Britain and the Commonwealth, came shortly after yesterday's announcement of a private member's bill seeking to curb drunken driving and against a background of mounting road deaths and injuries. The report quoted figures to show that someone involved had been drinking in 62 per cent of accidents after ten p.m. when most of Britain's public houses have just closed or are to close shortly.

PEDESTRIANS
 The report which also dealt with pedestrians, said a high proportion killed had been found to have "a significant concentration of alcohol in the blood." Passengers who had been drinking might distract a driver and cause an accident. Reviewing possible legislation limiting drunken driving, the committee observed that "if such laws are to be effective the police must be given power to stop cars and require the driver to submit to chemical tests." It was suggested that a machine which analysed the content of the breath — it was demonstrated at the press conference — might be suitable for this.—Reuter.

Girl, 12, carried big haul of drugs

A 12-year-old girl pleaded guilty before Mr D. Benson at Central Juvenile Court this morning to possession of 125 packets of heroin and 98 packets of barbitone. She was remanded until next Wednesday pending a report from the Social Welfare Department. Police arrested her in West Point on Wednesday.

An 11-year-old boy who admitted possessing a packet of heroin was cautioned and discharged by Mr Benson. He told the Court that he was delivering the packet for his playmate's father, when the police arrested him in North Point on Wednesday. He thought the packet contained medicine. For the service he was given 50 cents.

Bevan's condition slightly improved

London, Jan. 21.
 Tonight's bulletin on Mr Aneurin Bevan the Deputy Labour leader said he was still weak but there had been a "slight improvement."

Mr Bevan was stated earlier to be "no worse and resting" in a hospital here. He has been in London's Free Hospital since December 29 when he underwent a serious abdominal operation. The nature of the operation has not been disclosed.

Today's bulletins follow an overnight statement that his condition was causing "much anxiety."

Mr Bevan's wife, Miss Jennie Leo, also a Member of Parliament, who has not left the hospital since her husband had a relapse yesterday, saw him again today for a few minutes.

CONSCIOUS

She found him conscious and talking normally but arrangements were made for her to spend another night in a hospital room nearby.

The hospital spokesman spoke to reporters this afternoon and said: "The whole object of the exercise now is that Mr Bevan should rest—and he is lying resting."

The spokesman added that Mr Bevan was being fed through his arm with a saline drip. He was conscious and "from what I can make out, he is holding his own."

Mr Bevan was engaging in normal conversation and could answer back quite normally. He had not been given any blood transfusions although about a dozen people had telephoned overnight to offer their blood.

One of Mr Bevan's doctors said tonight he did not feel there was going to be any crisis in his patient's condition tonight.—Reuter.

Over 200 miners trapped

Coolbrook, Jan. 21.
 More than 200 miners were reported trapped tonight by subsidence in Clydesdale north colliery near Sault, burg, Orange Free State. Reports said 200 African and seven white miners were trapped.—Reuter.

The Electricity Commission report NO NATIONALISATION!

THE question the Electricity Inquiry Commission report poses is clear and simple. It over-shadows everything. Does Hongkong want nationalisation? If the answer is No, the recommendations tabled in the Legislative Council on Wednesday are largely of academic interest. If the answer is Yes, and if Hongkong says so emphatically, a precedent is created and there is a good case for public control of other much criticised monopolies like the telephone, bus and vehicular ferry services. Presumably Hongkong does not want to go this far. And we have no hesitation in urging Government to reject the idea. It can do so without wasting the report's comments.

The recommendations seem to have flabbergasted many people. The possibility of nationalisation was considered but not even the Commission seems to believe that the industry is that bad. Indeed with the exception of the financial record, the two companies come out of the inquiry with surprisingly high flying colours. And the conclusion is hard to escape that Government would have got a more useful report had it framed its terms of reference a little more carefully and stated clearly how far it wanted to go.

WHAT, after all, does the public want? Not another monopoly beyond all hope of appeal, but a watchdog for the existing monopolies. The Commission comes out clearly on

Comment Of The Day

the side of the consumer and stresses the need for a cheap, efficient and abundant supply. Two of these requirements are fulfilled already. The third can be secured through legislation without interfering with the initiative and responsibility of the management. Much depends on the extent of control imposed. We urge the very minimum. At least this should be given a five or ten-year trial.

Before suggesting what steps should be taken, it must be admitted that the Commission has proposed an ideal, tidy solution and a well-balanced and carefully argued case for state control. The point that seems to have been ignored is that it is not a solution that is tailor-made for Hongkong enterprise minded. It is surprising that the local representative on the Commission did not make this clear. So what should be done is to retain what is good in our system and gradually eliminate those practices found to be objectionable.

TO begin with Government must set up a Public

Utilities Board which can hear and consider complaints on any of the existing utility companies. This Board should pass recommendations dealing with the electricity concerns to a standing committee specifically appointed to deal with this industry. The committee should at all times work out solutions with, but not dictate to the management of the firms. Some obvious safeguards needed in legislation are a fair and consistent all-round application of the surcharge; and a fuel clause which will enable the consumer to work out easily how his charge is assessed.

Moreover consumers should be kept informed of all matters of major interest. There should be consultation with Government on all new issues, dividends and bonus issues, and shareholders must provide a higher proportion of future capital needs. No royalties must be levied and electricity rates must be the subject of negotiation between Government and the companies.

Extensive uneconomic development on the other hand must be subsidised by Government. The hope is that a solution can be found that would not disrupt the enterprise and ability of the companies on the one hand and on the other, provide safeguards for the public. Legislation along these lines could, we believe, meet the case. In short, let there be control — so long as they are kept to a minimum — but nationalisation, never!

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Man from the dead

A FAMILY DOCTOR SAVES PATIENT WHOSE HEART STOPS 15 MINUTES

London, Jan. 21. James Paul, a 56-year-old labourer who "died" in hospital after a severe heart attack, is now recovering after being brought back to life by Dr Robert Walton, a family doctor of Ingol, Preston, Lancs.

Mr Paul collapsed while Dr Walton, a 35-year-old ex-paratrooper, was examining him for a suspected coronary thrombosis in a hospital ward at neighbouring Chorley.

The man's breathing and heart stopped completely for 15 minutes. After artificial respiration failed he was thought to be dead.

Without waiting for antiseptic precautions, Dr Walton, still in his ordinary clothes, quickly opened the patient's chest,

forced the ribs apart and grabbed the motionless heart.

He massaged it vigorously for 15 minutes. The heart began to beat again weakly.

After an injection of the anesthetic procaine into the man's arm and further massage the heart recovered its normal beat. Breathing began again.

The next morning Mr Paul was conscious and able to drink. He was allowed out of bed within a month. Three weeks later he was sent home.

He was soon able to take exercise. Now 10 months since he "died" he is still well.

Said Mr Paul at his Chorley home the other day: "I'm often asked what it felt like to die. I have no memories of it at all."

And he added: "I wish I could do a light job."

Dr Walton believes that many people who die of heart failure could be brought back to life by prompt action. He urges other family doctors to try heart massage.

He reported in the British Medical Journal recently: "All the heart needs is to be given another chance to beat. There is nothing to lose and a life to gain."

Twice 'dead'

The case of a six-year-old Australian girl who "died" TWICE within a week and was successfully brought back to life each time has also been reported.

The girl's heart stopped beating while she was being given an anesthetic. It stopped for 12 minutes but restarted again after steady massage.

Four days later when the doctors gave another anesthetic the heart stopped again—this time for 27 minutes. Once more massage induced it to start beating.

The doctors feared that the second stoppage must have damaged the girl's brain. But when she awoke after the operation she insisted on having an orange drink when offered lemon.

Within three months the girl was able to ride a bicycle, doctors of the Footscray Hospital, Melbourne, report in the British Medical Journal. Now she can take part in sports.

(London Express Service).

RAF crew launches U.S. 'Thor' missile

Los Angeles, Jan. 21. A Royal Air Force crew successfully launched a Thor intermediate range ballistic missile today despite a rainstorm.

The launching of the missile on its course over the Pacific missile range signalled the graduation of the last of more than 1,100 RAF crewmen trained in California in Thor launchings in the past 19 months.

It also was the 11th Thor the R.A.F. launched from this coastal base, the Air Force said.

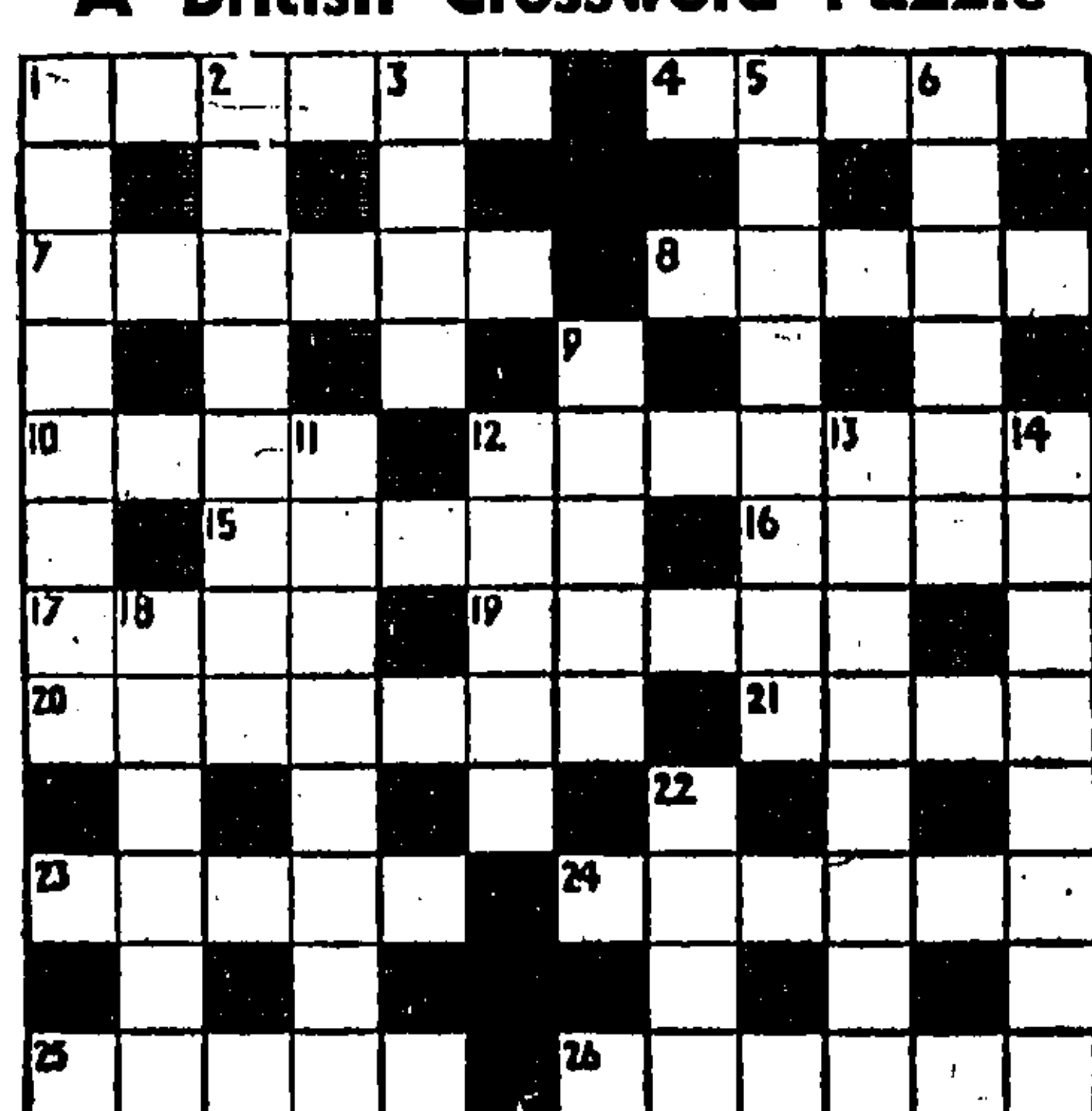
The R.A.F. crew was headed by Flying Officer W. I. Hughes of Cardiff, Wales, who served as launch control officer.—UPI.

French ban

Paris, Jan. 21. The French Government is banning a proposed visit to Algeria by M. Georges Bidault, a former prime minister who is opposed to President Charles de Gaulle's self-determination policy for Algeria, according to a spokesman for M. Bidault tonight.

This is on the eve of a special meeting here to which General de Gaulle has summoned key military and civilian leaders.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Just the play for a small village (6).
 - 4 Tarry stuff between wickets (5).
 - 7 An uncommon as can be (6).
 - 8 Add deception (5).
 - 10 Collections of plants? (4).
 - 12 Bounty (7).
 - 15 Schoolboy punishment (5).
 - 16 It's itself, said Kipling (4).
 - 17 Laterally a show once (4).
 - 18 Riding straps (6).
 - 20 Old policeman doing a strip tease? (7).
 - 21 Could be high or low reason (4).
 - 23 Wash a broken lance? (6).
 - 24 In Italy it makes one mad (6).
 - 25 Command or turn colour (5).
 - 26 Film star! (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Difficult craft means trouble (5).
 - 2 When to wed at sea? (6).
 - 3 More letters for entertainment (4).
 - 6 In poor circumstances (6).
 - 9 Affection for the lady driver? (6).
 - 9 "Very gallant gentleman" (5).
 - 11 Half pint of beer? (6).
 - 12 Delivery vehicle (6).
 - 13 No difficulty here, of course (6).
 - 14 One way to go by sea (6).
 - 18 The bank official who gives the game away? (6).
 - 22 Scotsman and a girl! (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION—Across: 3 Scribble, 8 Borneo, 9 Taken off, 11 Scuttles, 12 Aloe, 13 Wedge, 16 Dredge, 9 A-way, 22 Hat-trick, 24 Broom, 25 Arrest, 26 Thunder, Down: 1 A-bug, 2 Iron-D, 3 Gilted, 4 Coal, 5 Ides, 6 B.R.-ella, 7 Effect, 10 Reeds, 14 Dr-ex, 15 Eastern, 16 Gambit, 17 Tar-Mac, 20 D-IV-an, 21 Skale, 22 Hall, 23 Year.



James Paul—still well, ten months afterwards.

Baffling murder case for Scotland Yard

London, Jan. 21. The killing of Mrs Thorne, whose battered nude body was found on Saturday night at Poole, England, in a lovers lane, has given police one of their most baffling cases for some years.

Mrs Thorne, 44, mother of four, was found only a few yards from the beauty spot where a few years ago Neville Heath murdered a young girl. Heath later went to the gallows.

Detective Superintendent Stanley Shepherd, of Scotland Yard, admitted last night that there was no clear picture of the killing yet. There were half a dozen theories to be explored.

A stolen green car was found by the body. Police are convinced it was involved and caused injuries to the dead woman. But a pathologist's report is awaited on exactly how she died and whether she was assaulted.

Detectives have established that Mrs Thorne was stripped before her body was abandoned.—China Mail Special.

Kenya talks deadlock

London, Jan. 21.

Asian delegates intervened unsuccessfully tonight in a bid to break a deadlock between African and European groups over a special adviser at the crisis-struck Kenya constitutional conference here.

The African group of 14 elected members of the Kenya Legislative Council have boycotted the conference since it opened four days ago because their request for a second special adviser, a Mr Peter Koinange, was rejected.

Mr Koinange was recently placed on the Kenya Government's list of "restricted persons" which means that in Kenya he could be detained or have his movements restricted.—Reuter.

Japanese assistance

Ottawa, Jan. 21.

Mr Nobuo Kishi, the Japanese Prime Minister, obtained Canada's agreement today that Japan should be associated with Western planning to assist under-developed countries, diplomatic sources said.

Mr Kishi, in his talk in Washington and Ottawa, stressed that Japan wanted to play an active role in the economic development of Southeast Asia.—Reuter.

Smallpox measures in Russia

Moscow, Jan. 21. Soviet authorities were today taking strict measures to prevent a possible epidemic of black smallpox after a Soviet painter died of the disease on his return from India.

Black smallpox, a highly virulent and often fatal form of the disease, was known in Russia before 1917 but had completely disappeared since then.

The painter returned from India last December, fell ill and was sent to the Bolnisi hospital for observation. He died on December 21 and was buried the last few days and vaccination of all embassy personnel began today.—AFP.

The hospital building was immediately quarantined and for the last ten days only the personnel have been allowed to enter.

No fatal case has been reported since the beginning of the year, but members of Soviet organisations have been vaccinated against the disease during the last few days and vaccination of all embassy personnel began today.—AFP.

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In a second train crash near Aberdeen, Scotland, today, a local diesel train was in collision with a stationary goods train.

British Railways officials said that the collision was slight and only the driver and one passenger on the diesel train were slightly injured. There was no derailment.—Reuter.

Bid to win members for Socialist youth group

London, Jan. 21. A nationwide programme of jazz sessions, theatre parties and camping holidays aimed at winning members for the Labour Party's new Youth Organisation was announced here today.

Mr Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Party, said the organisation would be called the Young Socialists and would be integrated with the Party at national, regional and local levels.

The scheme is based on recommendations made by a working party appointed last April, which concluded that so long as the responsibility for organisation was confined to the constituency parties alone, no real advance in the Labour Party's youth movement was possible.

In a letter circulated to Party officials, Mr Phillips noted that the Young Socialists should be regarded as an essential branch of the Party, and its members should be full members of the Party.

Its purpose was to enable young people to make "an effective and planned contribution to the Party's work."—China Mail Special.

TWIN BLAMED FOR ANOTHER DIVORCE!

London, Jan. 21. Chapter two in the London Divorce Court's object lesson to girls who marry an identical twin whose brother is not married was written today.

For the second time in two days, an identical twin got a divorce from his wife. This time the grounds were the wife's adultery with the twin brother.

Thursday's case divorced Frank A. Ade from his wife Sheila on charges that Mrs Ade committed adultery with Frank's twin brother Harold. Neither Harold nor Mrs Ade defended the suit.

SAME SITUATION

On Wednesday—same court, same situation—Mrs Chrystal Bennett got a divorce from her husband Russell on grounds of cruelty, in that he failed to protect her from his twin brother's advances.

In both cases, the twin brothers were so nearly identical few people could tell them apart.

"It was uncanny," Chrystal Bennett said on Wednesday, "being married to them." The word "them," she said, was a slip of the tongue. "But it was actually just like it."

JUST FANCY THAT

Identical twins who became engaged on the same day and were married on the same day eight years ago are expecting babies—on the same day.

They are Mrs Elina Huuse, of Fort Elizabeth, and Mrs Annie Coetzer, of Cradock, both in the Eastern Cape Province, and they expect their babies towards the end of March.—UPI.



Mr Selwyn Lloyd with Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik at the dinner party given by the Foreign Minister in London recently as a farewell gesture to the ambassador, who has returned to Moscow to become Deputy Foreign Minister.—Seymour Photo.

5 KILLED IN UK TRAIN COLLISION

York, Jan. 21. Five people were killed and nine injured when an express passenger train and a freight train were in collision near Settle, Yorkshire, today.

According to a British Railways spokesman, several wagons of the freight train were derailed before the collision.

The passenger train—traveling from Glasgow to London—collided with some of these wagons which had fallen across the other track.

Four of the passengers died immediately and a fifth in hospital soon afterwards. Heavy snow had hampered the work of ambulance men.

ANOTHER CRASH

Of the nine remaining injured, five were only slightly hurt and were allowed to leave the hospital after treatment.

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Expansion of UK-China trade envisaged

London, Jan. 22. Mr John Rodgers, Parliamentary Secretary to the British Board of Trade, yesterday expressed the hope that British trade with China "both in imports and exports will increase."

His remarks were addressed to a deputation representing the London Chamber of Commerce and The China Association, a cultural organisation founded in 1889.

The deputation, according to an official announcement, expressed its anxiety that the new licensing arrangements for imports from China "might operate to reduce imports and might lead to a reduction in Chinese purchases of British goods."

Mr Rodgers then told them "the new licensing arrangements envisage an expansion of imports from China."

RISE IN EXPORTS

The Board of Trade today announced a 4 per cent rise in the volume of British exports for 1959 over 1958.

Exports to the United States and Canada accounted for more than two-thirds of the 5 per cent boost in the value as apart from volume of these exports.

Exports to the Sterling Area also advanced on a broad front, but failed to top the 1958 level, the Board said.

Exports to Western Europe, which registered a 9 per cent increase in 1959 over 1958, more than accounted for the rest of the overall volume increase.—Reuter and AP.

London now leading art centre

London, Jan. 21.

London had succeeded America as the centre of the art market of the world, Mr I. O. Chance, Head of Christie's, the British auctioneering firm, said here yesterday.

Mr Chance said that in the early postwar days the Americans had cornered a very large part of the world market.

FACTORS

But six years ago, the British Government had freed works of art from import and export restrictions, and since then the pendulum had swung in the opposite direction.

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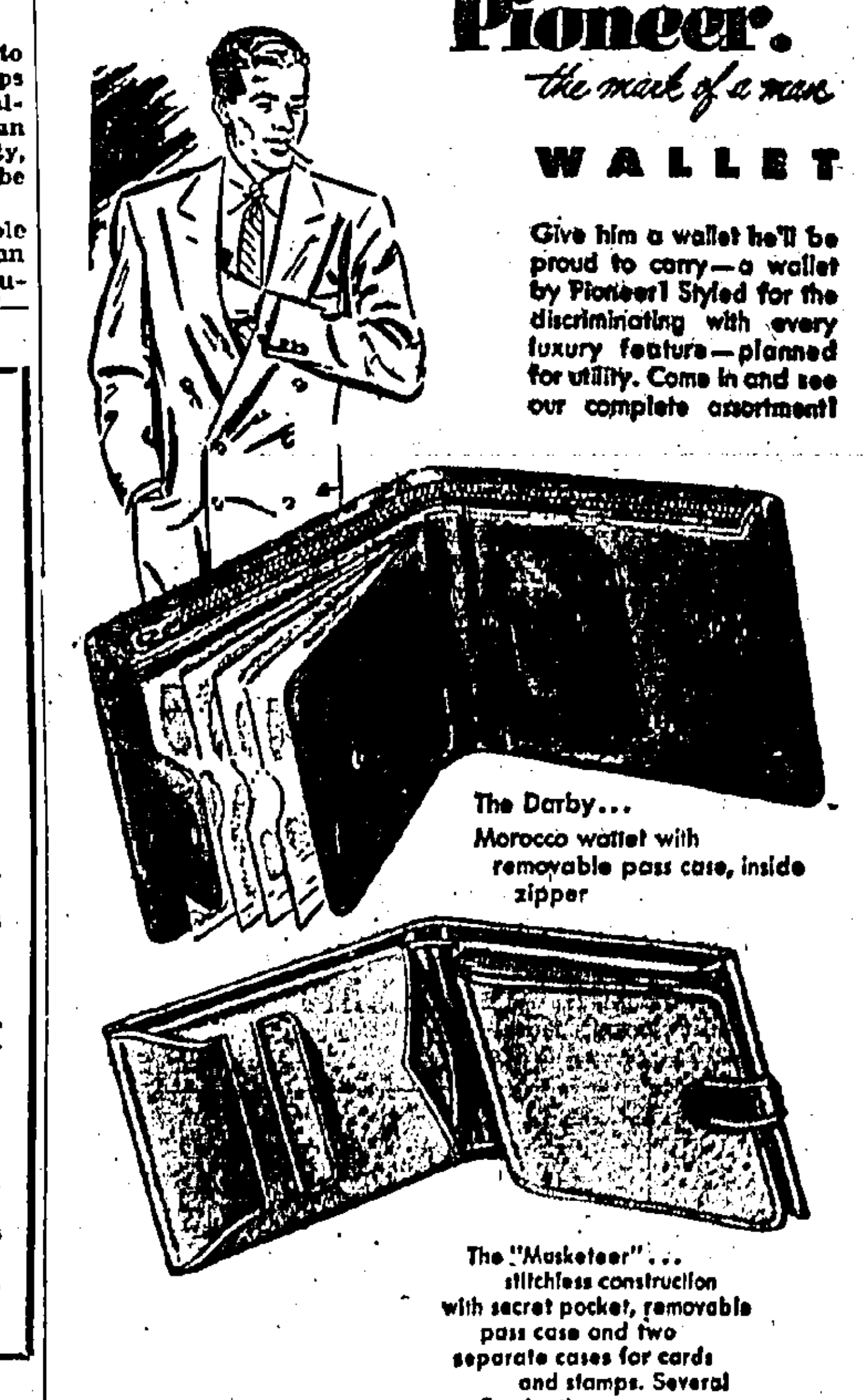
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U.S. version of Russia's 'miss and hit' rocket

Washington, Jan. 21.
America today gave another version of the Soviet rocket which landed in the Pacific yesterday—"it apparently did fall within the impact area."

**Bulls ... 0
Inners ... ?
Outers ... 13**

Perth, W.A., Jan. 21.
The "unloading" of two-year-old Steven, waiting the "human arsenal" is continuing at the Princess Margaret Hospital here.
Steven was rushed to hospital yesterday after he was found to have several bullets in his mouth.
Doctors decided not to operate and have kept Steven under constant surveillance while nature took its course.
The score so far: 13 bullets. More are expected. — China Mail Special.

'Salad Days' heading for world record

London, Jan. 21.
"Salad Days," a British musical now in its sixth year which has been London's most unexpected smash-hit, tonight becomes the longest running musical in British history when it beats the World War I success "Chu Chin Chow" (2,238 performances).

On January 30, it will wrest the world record for a musical when it catches up with the New York run of "Oklahoma" (2,248 performances).

When it ends its run at the Vaudeville Theatre on February 27, to go on a long provincial tour, it will have played 2,200 performances in London.

By then, more than 1,400,000 people, including every member of the Royal Family, will have seen this musical, but rather slight whimsical frolic about a magic piano which makes everybody dance.

More than £750,000 will have poured into the box office.

A SURPRISE
It has been produced in the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia (by two companies), and New Zealand as well as in France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Finland and Scandinavia.

Yet nobody foretold its success which came as a golden surprise to the composer, Julian Slade, an ex-Cambridge student, now aged 29.

He wrote it in six weeks with the help of actress Dorothy Reynolds as an end of season romp for the British Old Vic. — China Mail Special.

That Channel tunnel

London, Jan. 21.
Sir Brian Robertson, Chairman of the British Transport Commission, said here last night that if the English Channel tunnel scheme went ahead it would be possible to think of passenger trains running from London to Paris and Brussels in about four hours.
If the project were shelved again, however, the Commission would examine new schemes for improving Channel routes, including possibly the use of Hovercraft "flying saucers."

Sir Brian said one of the most important factors towards co-ordination of transport in Europe was the lifting of movement restrictions by governments. — China Mail Special.

Yesterday, a senior American military minority said that the rocket "missed by several hundred miles."

The one-sentence statement was issued in answer to questions by newsmen after Moscow claimed that the long range rocket hit within about 1 1/2 miles of the post at which it was aimed from a base 7,700 miles away.

Impact area
The Pentagon statement referred only to the rocket falling within the prescribed "impact area."

That area, southwest of Hawaii, is a rectangle 120 miles long and embraces thousands of square miles.

It is not known how the military authority could tell that the rocket missed.

It is known, however, that U.S. forces have been keeping a close watch on Soviet ships which were sent in advance to report the results of the rocket test.

The location of the Soviet guard ships and coordinates drawn from their positions was believed to have given U.S. authorities at least an idea of the target point.—AP.

Reprieve for British cars in U.S. state

Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 21.
More than 50,000 British-made cars threatened with a road ban because their headlights do not conform with State highway safety rules have been given a reprieve.

State licensed inspection stations refused to pass many British models because their headlights could not be adjusted four degrees horizontally or vertically, as demanded by the regulations.

Mr. Charles Dougherty, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Revenue, said yesterday that on the basis of a report received by the manufacturer it had been decided to approve the British-made headlights which can be adjusted three and a half degrees, provisionally.—China Mail Special.

New type of sub

The Hague, Jan. 21.
A revolutionary pyramid-shaped submarine, constructed to make it less susceptible to depth charge damage, made its first trial runs this week, the Royal Netherlands Navy announced today.

The submarine, first of two being built for the Netherlands Navy, is expected to be commissioned this spring. — China Mail Special.

10 gallon bush hat for Mac

Lusaka, Jan. 21.
Mr. Harold Macmillan arrived here by air today — and immediately donned a "ten gallon" Rhodesian bush hat trimmed with a broad band of leopard fur.
Mr. Macmillan and his wife, Lady Dorothy, flew here from Salisbury on the second stage of their tour of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.
The bush hat was a present from correspondents accompanying the Prime Minister on his African tour. It was handed to him on his arrival here and he put it on right away, and warmly thanked the donors.—Reuter.

MAN GUILTY OF KILLING WOMAN

London, Jan. 21.
A man was yesterday jailed for seven years here for manslaughter of a 56-year-old woman who was attacked as she was returning home in a fog after attending a dinner with her husband.

Ernest Brown, a driver aged 32, was found not guilty of the murder, but guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Rose de Maria.
He was told by the Judge, Mr. Justice Donovan: "You met an inoffensive couple going peaceably home at night and you assaulted the woman with such violence that 10 ribs were broken and the spleen ruptured, leaving her in the street alone to die. In fact she died in hospital within 24 hours."

Brown had told the Judge that he tipped the husband's hat off as a joke but was nowhere near Mrs. de Maria after that.
On Tuesday Thomas Patrick McNamara, 23, Ashmonger, had been found not guilty of murdering Mrs. de Maria.—China Mail Special.

Fisons out of the running

London, Jan. 21.
Fisons Limited, the British fertiliser group yesterday announced their retirement from the takeover battle with the giant Swiss food products firm of Nestle Alimentana for control of Crosse and Blackwells, makers of soups and tinned food products.
Their intervention, forced by the first bidder for Crosse and Blackwell to put their bid up from 72s a share to 84s.—China Mail Special.

£100,000 GIFT TO WRY

London, Jan. 21.
Sir Henry Price, 82, who started work at the age of 12 for 2s 6d a week, has given £100,000 to the World Refugee Year committee here, it was announced today.

Sir Henry, a Yorkshireman, started work in a clothing shop as a boy and later built up a 300-shop men's clothing chain, known as the "Fifty-Shilling Tailors."

Last month he gave £100,000 to create a charitable trust for homes for old people in Sussex. — China Mail Special.

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GEORGE

(yes, Whiting)

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star-gazing

London.

PERSONALLY, I always thought Baker Street was a place where you changed for Waterloo and where Sherlock Holmes used to play the violin when he wasn't writing monographs or unmasking murderers.

But Jak, who is a very erudite sort of artist once you get past the duffle coat, said I was dwelling in a thick fog of ignorance and why didn't I open my eyes to the romance and the majesty and the wonders of the world that were within my orbit that very minute?

Nor was he put off when I replied with truth, that all I could see was a No. 13 bus and the blunt end of the Marylebone Road. "Do you not realise," he said, "that for a few measly shillings we can both be transported to the heavens and embrace Beauty, not to mention an entrancing loveliness in which drama, mystery, and excitement have been blended into the eighth wonder of the world?"

The footman

I said I was all for heavenly bodies and had no idea Diana Dors lived round those parts.

"I was referring to Venus, beautiful star of the morning," replied Jak. And that is how we came to visit the London Planetarium for a few measly shillings. My shillings.

Nice place, if you like aluminium. A blue-coated footman bowed us in and they had mood music oozing out of the walls, but it struck me as a peculiar sort of love-nest this Venus number was running. All over shiny gadgets. Nor was it too encouraging to learn that the lady was: (a) on the chilly side and (b) slow on the uptake.

Jak said any sensible girl would be that way with Whiting. His three children are at the round Ustinov villa in Switzerland.

I've changed—and so has Britain

PETER USTINOV has changed gear. He is back in Britain for the first time in three years and while he has been away he has changed—and so, he finds, have we.

Since he was last in England he has starred on Broadway, acted in Hollywood, toured America from coast to coast ("more thoroughly than a commercial traveller"), been to Japan, and started making a film in Australia.

He is finishing that film, "The Sundowners," in London, and will stay here until mid-February with his wife Suzanne. His three children are at the round Ustinov villa in Switzerland.

Control

I met him at his London hotel to talk about the way he feels now. "I have changed gear," he said. "Changed gear in my writing and in what I want to do."

"I think I'm a little more controlled now. I've learned to be forthright as well as diplomatic. I used, I suppose, to be too diplomatic. I'd be rather like a slithering snake down a mountain side. In the way I talked. That could create wrong impressions."

"I've also learned this about myself: I'm now just as scared of success as I was of failure. If I'm acting in a play that has a long run I get increasingly nervous."

"It is like two champions at tennis. All their concentration is fixed on the one match. It

leaves little room for anything else. The same thing happens in the theatre.

"I don't think I could face a long run again. So I don't think I'll do very much stage acting in the future."

"What I want to do is to write more and more. I've a new idea about writing a play which I'm trying, but most of my writing will be short stories."

"You need discipline to write a short story, and I'm fascinated by the problems."

"I like acting in films, because then you can write as well. But when I'm in a play, after a while my exhaustion is so great I can't write anything else at all."

Mixture

Peter Ustinov paused for a moment. I asked him about Britain, which is still his home although he lives in Switzerland now.

"You have changed here as well," he said. "More relaxed now. When I was here last it was rather like being in a public

school, and getting in ten minutes after lights out. You were always greeted by 'Where have you been? Better be careful. The head is prowling about and it's after lights out.' Now things are much, much easier—and people too."

A letter

"Do you know," he said, "for the first time in a film I'm playing an Englishman—unless you count George IV, but he was German, really. Up to now I've never been asked to act as an Englishman, and I'm doing it for an American company in an Australian story directed by a European."

A mixture of nationalities is nothing new to Ustinov. Because his father was a German until he became British, Ustinov was entitled to a German passport until 1930.

"I saw it up then," he said. "But of course by German law such a thing was not possible. For then, once a German always a German."

"It would have been pretty tricky for me if I had been captured during the war. They would not only have shot me as a traitor but also charged me with failing to register with my call-up group."

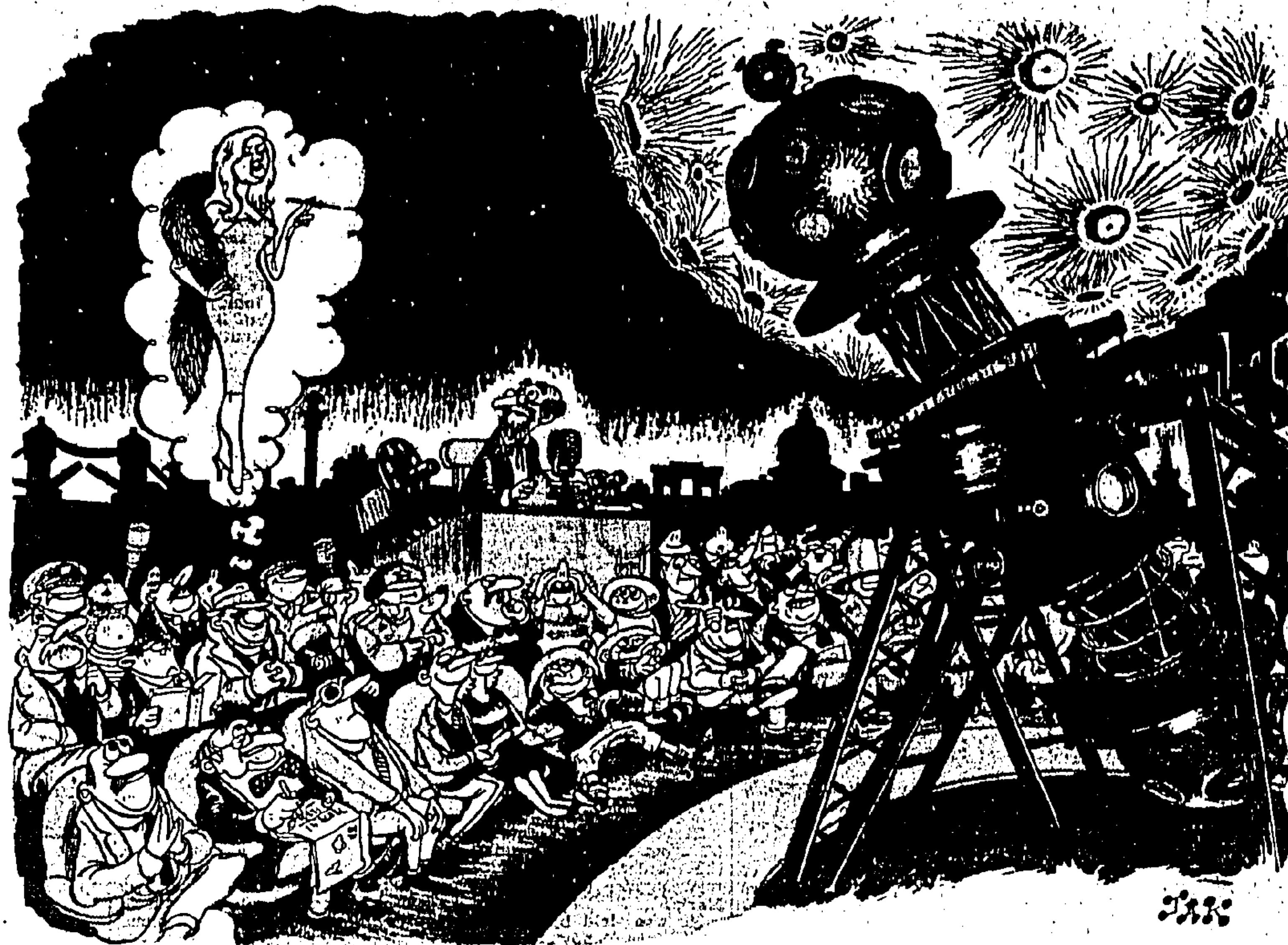
Problems of nationality still tend to arise. "Just after I'd arrived in New York I had a letter from the mayor, welcoming me as a new citizen and inviting me to read the Oath of Allegiance to a gathering of new Americans in Central Park or somewhere."

"I replied, thanking him, but pointing out that I was British and was therefore hardly qualified. The letter I received from the mayor was charming. He said: 'Ah, well, some other time perhaps.'"

Global

The glory of Ustinov is his global conversation. His beard juttied at me as he roamed around the world.

"HOLLYWOOD," he was making a film, "Spartacus," with Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons and Kirk Douglas," he said.



VENUS OBSERVED (and that girl

next door wasn't so bad, either...)

366 days

Venus, he added, was a planet, not a pope. How, if I would pay attention to the wonders of the universe for three-quarters of an hour, he really would introduce me to Diana Dors—with Marilyn Monroe thrown in for good measure.

So we popped into this aluminium dome for 366 days, and I must say it was all jolly exciting. Good for the education too.

I sat next to a 12-year-old expert named Brian Peters, on holiday from school at Epsom and he helped me no end when the official narrator got to the tricky bits about light-years and galaxies. As Brian pointed out, it was all rather simple, once you got the hang of it.

However for those who may inadvertently have overlooked these matters, perhaps I should mention that a planetarium is a sundry kind of orrery (after the fourth earl, 1676-

1731). And that is really all that need be said.

Or do I have to emphasise that an orrery is a contrivance illustrating the motions, magnitudes, and positions of the planetary system? Fellow called Cussell has quite a piece about it in his dictionary page 1013.

Silhouettes

You sit in the bottom half of this dome, see, with silhouettes of the London skyline cutting you off from the top half, which is really a hefty great hemispherical screen where in a minute a chap riding a giant projector will show you a realistic and accurate reproduction of the star-studded sky of the night. And the day as well if it comes to that.

Stars all over the place, millions of 'em. The cosmos. The lot. And this £70,000 projector which looks like a cross between an outer-space monster and a mechanical crab with the creep never misses a trick.

Young Brian told me it had 29,000 individual parts, 230 ball bearings, and nearly 200 optical projectors.

They had a bearded mathematician from Brasenose named Leonard Clarke to tell the less



"He thought Dr. Crippen was a much bigger man."

informed among us what was going on and to pass the glad word now and again to another chap sitting at what looks like an organ console. I think his name was Charlie, or maybe it was Bert.

Into orbit

Anyway when Mr Clarke mentioned that he wanted the moon to slip round the earth, Bert pressed a button and that crazy old moon did its stuff, rising in the neighbourhood of Marble Arch and last seen disappearing over Lots Road power station.

Thanks to Mr Clarke and his projector, we crammed a year

Brough, I began to feel in need of friendliness and warmth. So Jak introduced me to a cheerful little lady named Irene Webber.

Mrs Webber, I ought to explain, is the last human being you see before you disappear into the Chamber of Horrors, and she buckles you up no end.

Yes, she said, she liked her job on the turnstile. Much better than when she was just one of the cleaners dusting of the medieval tortures, doing for Adolf Hitler (No. 50), and picking the cigarette ends out of the Actual Bath in which George Smith (No. 12) polished off Three Brides.

A hard look

We might have stayed longer, but Jak got rather huffy when, standing by No. 24, a small boy gave him a long, hard look, consulted his catalogue, and told his mother he thought Dr Crippen was a much bigger man.

I told the bright little lad he had made a mistake.

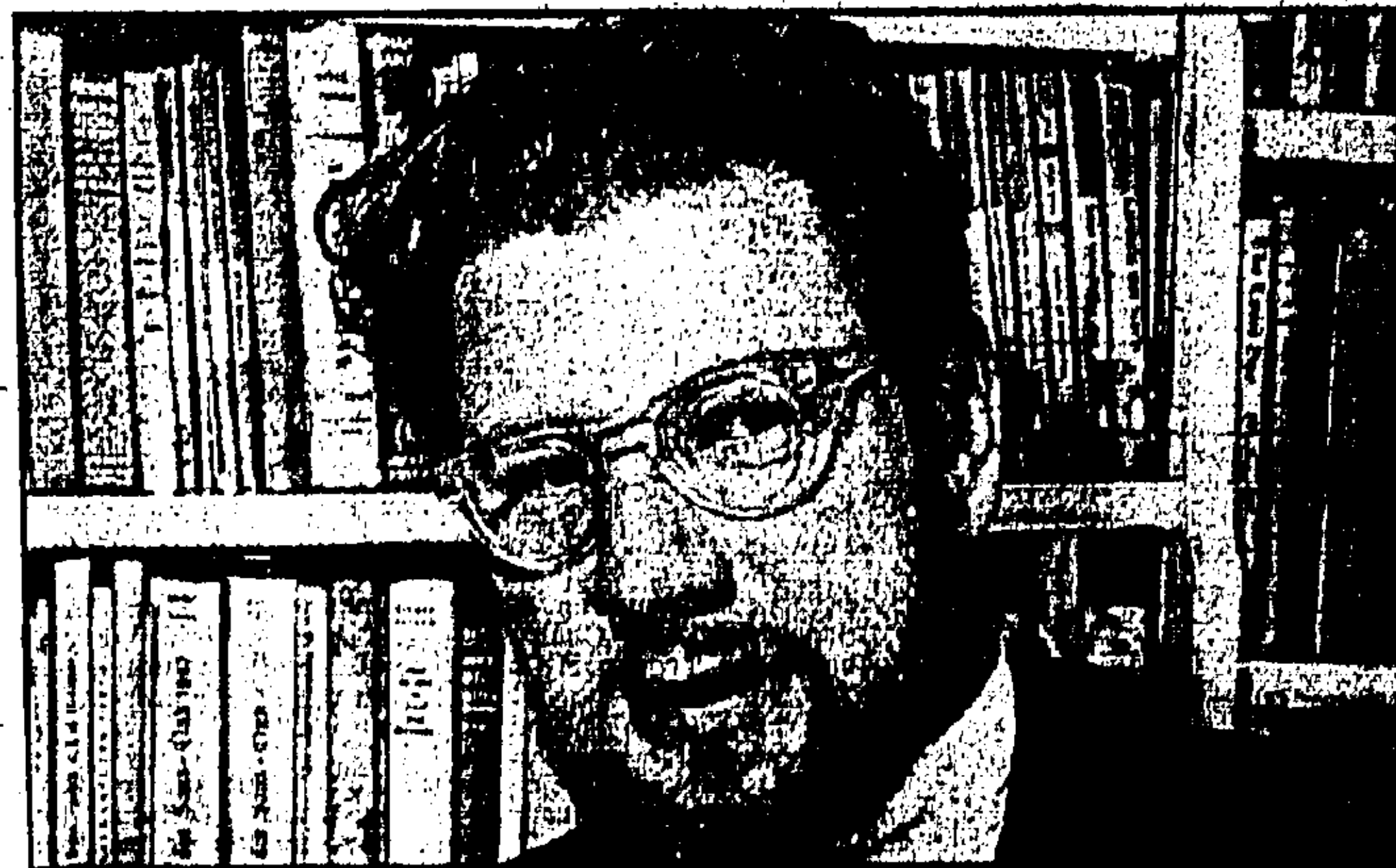
My friend's real name, I said, was Jak the Ripper.

—London Express Service.

Just Fancy That!

FOUR MINUTES after the start of a weekend Soccer match between Glamorgan teams Llanwrtyd and Llanharan the ball landed on the spike of a woman spectator's umbrella and burst. No other ball was available so the match was abandoned.

.....says Peter Ustinov



"There was a love scene between Kirk Douglas and Jean Simmons in which her dress comes off down to the waist. To get them into the right mood they were playing a Bachman concerto on the set."

"My agent came in to see me and asked what was going on. I told him and he disappeared to have a look at Miss Simmons and the falling dress."

"He came back in a minute, muttering, 'Can't think what her agent was doing to allow her to appear like that. Now, I'd never let you look like that.'"

TOKYO: "It is disconcerting to be naked in a Turkish bath in Tokyo and be massaged by a young girl who has picked up

a phrase or two in English and says as she is walking up, 'Changeable weather we're having lately!'"

AUSTRALIA: "We went to one small town way out in the bush where there were 34 different nationalities."

No togas

"It was like a frontier town in the Balkans at the end of the First World War, waiting for the League of Nations to turn up and decide which side of the frontier they were on."

Now, when "The Sundowners" is finished here, Ustinov reports for more work on "Spartacus" in Hollywood.

"To think," he said, "when I was making the film at the

My estimate of the top-selling British novelist of our time

By GEORGE MILLAR

NEVIL SHUTE

.... his glory and his gloom

LIFE will seem poorer to millions of us because an ugly, tweedy Englishman, aged 60, with spectacles and a stutter has died in Australia.

Ugly on the surface perhaps but what an adventurer, what a human dynamo was Nevil Shute Norway, to give him his full name.

At least we know, and he knew, that in the Windmill Press set in its gardens south of London, 100,000 books—the first huge run of Shute's last novel—are now being printed and bound.

code of decency. Hence Shute's fury over the film version of his penultimate book "On the Beach" when the nymphomaniac character was allowed to get into bed. Nothing like that in the book.

Fantastic

He is, the biggest-selling British novelist of his generation. It is said that when he left England for Australia in 1930 his income was £20,000 a year. The following year it was probably £30,000, and soon it may have topped the £100,000-a-year mark.

Fantastic, yes, but absolutely earned. Look at his life:—

After Shutebury and Balliol, he served in the First World War as a private in the Suffolk Regiment. Then a succession of engineering jobs, big ones. With de Havilland, then on the great ships, R.101 and R.102. In 1928, when the R.101 disaster came it affected Shute deeply and permanently.

From then on he loathed officialdom and civil servants of the kind "who put jobs before duty," and the strong mystical tinge, evident in his later novels, deepened.

He joined the R.N.V.R. as a "scout" "backroom boy," and a superb one, in the Second World War. His inventions were many, for example, flame-throwers, remote-controlled aircraft, a terrible rocket, fired from the air that when it hit a submarine thrashed about inside.

I smell decay

But although a modest man (he never thought anything of his own novels) he was not an easy subordinate. I happen to know that many times during the war he refused his valuable time to do anything but his own work. He was a bit of a rebel.

In 1950 he was living on Hayling Island, near Portsmouth, with his wife, a clever and practical doctor, and two young daughters, Heather and Shirley. Then Shute—who had his own precise political formula, "the proportional vote according to individual achievement"—blew up.

Socialist Britain enraged him. Although he was later to retract this harsh judgment most handsomely, he declared: "I smell decay here. I'm clearing out. Of course there was taxation too to worry about."

Petrol... a pig

The final straw came, some say, over a row because his application for a dollar's worth of petrol was at first refused. Some say, however, that it was because Shute had his private pig slaughtered for the family and was then told he must forgo the year's bacon ration. Anyway, off he went in his private, single-engineered Proctor to Australia, and the upheaval soon was—things always moved fast with Shute—that he had settled his family in an agreeable and fairly roomy house near Melbourne. Soon too he had a model 300-acre farm there, pigs as before and dairy.

He was great

Shute adored the vitality of Australia and the space of it, as Australia adored the modernity and vitality of Shute. At the end of the first year, seeing his wife and daughters washing up because his servants were to be sent to England, they elected to stay, and he was happy.

He thought he would get three novels "out of" Australia. He got six, and would, I am sure, have got several more but for his overworked heart. It was a great heart, his was a great man, whose millions of us will sorely miss.

—London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

FASHION NEWS-FOCUS by BARBARA GRIGGS

Stop being snobbish about synthetics

ANY woman's approach to fashion is riddled with prejudice: ranging from the idiosyncratic ("I always wear plain fabrics—there is something so vulgar about prints") to those with a faint basis of reasoning ("I never wear white shoes in town").

But there is one more prejudice that is still more deeply ingrained than most.

It is the prejudice against man-made fibres, coupled with the conviction that silk and cotton and wool and linen are the fabrics that any woman of taste will plump for leaving synthetics to the common herd.

More kudos

THIS prejudice has the weight of a delicate snobbery on its side; the mere fact that silk, velvet and chiffon and wool aren't washable at all, and that linen creases, lends them added kudos even in the eyes of women who can't afford a ladies' maid.

Second, the sheer nastiness of the earlier synthetics put some women off for life—those first nylon dresses, for instance, which were clammy and uncomfortable, hung badly and had a cold, lifeless look to them.

But, given that natural fabrics have qualities which the best synthetics in the world cannot imitate, I believe that even the most prejudiced woman is going to have to think again in 1960. I am convinced of it for all the following reasons:

The fashion establishment, in the form of couture houses and the grandest, most established shops and dress houses, who held aloof for a long time, are now coming round to them strongly.

Even two years ago it was a seven days' wonder for the man-made fibre boys if one of their

fabrics was used by a couture house. Now nylon and wool mixtures, nylon and mohair, Terylene brocades, and acetate rayons are commonplace.

London couturier Charles Creed for instance is an enthusiast. Three-quarters of his coming collection will be made either in synthetic fabrics or in natural and synthetic mixed.

And at the ready to wear level, Jager, once a word practically synonymous with wool, will be using synthetic fabrics like Terylene, nylon and Courmelle for a third of its summer dress collection.

Mixtures

MIXTURES of fabrics are perhaps the most successful way of using synthetics—and these are improving all the time. Biggest story this summer will be the new Terylene and cotton fabrics with all the coolness and brightness of cotton—and the incredible crease-resistance of Terylene.

Ascher has one version with a thick woven flower-printed look, 80 per cent Terylene and 20 per cent cotton, which is being used by several wholesale houses for their summer collections. All travelling women will be raving about them. Later on it will be on sale by the yard.

And Mikl Seckers has one sure success up his sleeve for the couture collection—chiffon of a heavy brocade—and the weight of a handful of feathers.

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

7th Meeting ends tomorrow with seven races

MCC 337 FOR NINE AGAINST TRINIDAD

174-run stand by Cowdrey, Pullar

Point-A-Pierre, Jan. 21.

After a first-wicket stand of 174 between Colin Cowdrey and Geoff Pullar, MCC's batting broke down when they began a four-day match with Trinidad here today, and they were 337 for nine at the close.

Cowdrey, although dropped three times, scored an aggressive 173 in 4½ hours, but like his colleagues was struggling later on as the pitch took an increasing amount of spin.

Cowdrey's strokes included a six and 21 fours before he was caught on the long-on boundary after making his first century of the tour.

Best stand

He reached three figures in five minutes over two hours and the first-wicket partnership was the best stand for MCC on the tour, Pullar contributing a sound 68.

But this fine start was not maintained. Raman Subba Row fell for a single, and Peter May, who has not yet found his best form, was out for 25.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1959/60 to be held on Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th February, 1960, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 26th January, 1960.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

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7TH RACE MEETING

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(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

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(8 races on the 1st Day and 7 races on the 2nd Day)

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

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No Person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 16th January, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 13th February, 1960 may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Office.

The office hours of the Club's Cash Sweep Office are as follows:

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By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th January, 1960.

Cowdrey was again missed in off-spinner O. Corbie's first over. With this total 55, Cowdrey pulled the ball hard to square-leg where B. A. Davis got both hands to the ball but could not hold it.

The MCC reached 100 after 78 minutes—the first three-figure opening stand of the tour—and runs continued to come at a fast pace.

At lunch, they had reached 123.

During the lunch interval, it was decided that the four leg-byes, together with a single credited to Pullar, should have been recorded to Cowdrey—making him 82 at the interval and Pullar 41, with no extras.

Skied a catch

Cowdrey reached 101 after batting five minutes over two hours with 15 fours.

Pullar, who had been batting with increasing freedom, skied a catch to mid-wicket with the total at 174—the highest MCC stand of the tour. Pullar had made 68 with seven fours in two hours 20 minutes.

Raman Subba Row never looked settled and fell leg before to Selwyn Caesar, who bowled his fast-medium deliveries in steady fashion.

Peter May, seeking a big innings, looked uncomfortable and took 20 minutes to open his account.

The 200 went up after three hours. With a pulled six over wide long-on, Cowdrey reached 145 to pass the previous highest score by an MCC player against Trinidad, Willie Watson's 141 in 1953-54.

May who had shown only an occasional glimpse of his best form, nicked a catch to the wicket-keeper in the last over before tea, as he pushed forward at a leg-break from Eddie Aleong.

At the tea interval the tourists were 242 for three, Cowdrey being 148 not out.

Cowdrey was missed for the third time when soon after tea, with his score 159, he was dropped by Corbie, from an easy return to the bowler.

More wickets

Aleong bowled many good balls but dismissed Ken Barrington with a full toss, which the batsman pulled straight to square leg.

More wickets went quickly. At 270 Smith, trying to drive a big leg break played the ball hard into his stumps off the bottom edge of his bat.

Then Cowdrey, eight runs later, was caught on the long-on boundary. He had stayed 4½ hours in scoring 173, which included a six and 21 boundaries. But even he, in the later part of the innings, was struggling like all the other batsmen on a pitch taking an increasing amount of spin.

Corbie struck a great blow for Trinidad when he had Dexter caught at square leg and David Allen leg before wicket.

The Trinidad batsmen were stumped after the wicketkeeper had made 28.

This fall of another wicket by spin bowlers brought spectators crowding on to the field to examine the pitch when stumps were drawn.

Scoreboard

MCC—1st Innings

G. Pullar, c. Carrow, b. Corbie 68

M. C. Cowdrey, c. Caesar, b. Corbie 173

R. Subba Row lbw Caesar 1

P. B. H. May, c. Minshall, b. Aleong 25

K. F. Barrington, c. Carrow, b. Aleong 8

M. J. K. Smith, b. Aleong 1

E. R. Dexter, c. Charles, b. Corbie 17

R. Sweetman st. Minshall, b. Rodriguez 28

D. A. Allen lbw Corbie 1

J. B. Statham not out 4

A. E. Moss not out 5

Extras 6

Total (for 9 wkts.) ... 337

Wicketfall: 1/174, 2/184, 3/242, 4/207, 5/270, 6/278, 7/307, 8/325, 9/325.

Bowling to date

O M R W

Caesar 10 2 30 1

Charles 21 2 55 0

Oilton 3 0 20 0

Aleong 18 2 71 3

Corbie 38 8 107 4

Rodriguez 7 2 33 1

Byes 0, wides 1, Reuter, 1

WINSOME STAG CAN DO IT AGAIN IN THE MAIN RACE FOR CLASS 1 PONIES

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting concludes tomorrow at the valley and as this will be the last racing day before the Chinese New Year a record crowd of racing fans is expected.

There are seven interesting events on the programme. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will commence at 2.00 p.m.

The most important event tomorrow is the Telegraph Bay Handicap for Class 1 ponies over the mile distance.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Junk Bay Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

Novice jockeys will be on view in this opening event and they will be called upon to handle Class 9 ponies.

I think Titer Shark (Cham Shu-leun) has advanced in condition to be the best in this race.

Without doubt major contention should come from Saratoga (Sam Chow) which, at 141 lbs, will take a lot of beating.

Another Victory (Lal Chuan-fai) has been doing good morning track work lately and his chances are rather bright.

Other dangerous opponents in this race are Sunstreak (Robert Luk) and Blue Train (J. S. C. Neel).

SECOND RACE

Mrs. Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Sweet Home (Starr Liu) and Nashed (H. K. Hung) are the two ponies to contest the finish of this race. Both animals are in fine fettle during morning trials.

Tai Ping Shan (K. Kwok) is expected to take the third place.

THIRD RACE

Repulse Bay Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

Encore (Robert Tsai) looks to have the best chance of winning this race.

Bonny Boy (H. K. Hung) may have a say in the matter.

For those who are looking for an outsider, Sportsman (C. Y. Wong) is the one to follow.

FOURTH RACE

Causeway Bay Handicap: From 1¼ Mile Post.

This sprint event will be contested by Class 4 ponies.

In spite of its defeat at the last meeting over six furlongs in the Doncaster Handicap (First Section), fancy the chances of Princess Ellen (A. Ostroumoff), as the pony is fast over this distance.

Brilliance (C. Y. Wong) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset.

Supersonic (K. Kwok) is not bad over this distance.

Co-ordination (Robert Tsai) is improving and may be dangerous. For a long shot I recommend this pony.

FIFTH RACE

Telegraph Bay Handicap. One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be contested by Class 1 ponies.

Winsome Stag (A. Ostroumoff) won the Stewards Cup at the last meeting over six furlongs in 1.14-2/5 seconds and, on that performance, I think it will just about do it again.

Lady Number (Robert Tsai) is good enough to extend the above party.

As You Wish (Chun Kit) should also do well here, while Salome (K. Kwok), with only 134 lbs to handle, looks dangerous.

SIXTH RACE

Mrs. Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Class 5 ponies will try conclusions here.

Confuser (C. Y. Wong) seems to be the best pony here for this

distance in view of its second placing behind Wing Che in the Baldoyle Handicap at the last meeting. I think it should just about win tomorrow afternoon.

There is of course Okay (Robert Tsai) to be reckoned with. This pony came second in the Curragh Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting.

Masrot (C. H. Renfrew) and Ambition (H. Potydad) have shown good form in their morning gallops and should give a good account of themselves against the above-mentioned ponies.

In Magic Feet (P. Plumby) we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

SEVENTH RACE

Deep Bay Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

This race will wind up the Seventh Race Meeting and should provide an interesting finish.

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